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November 3, 2004

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SUBJECT: OPERATOR LICENSING EXAMINATION APPROVAL

Dear Mr. Venable:

The purpose of this letter is to confirm the final arrangements for the upcoming operator licensing examinations at Waterford Steam Electric Station, Unit No. 3.

The NRC has completed its review of the operator license applications submitted in connection with this examination and separately provided a list of approved applicants to Robert Fletcher, Training Manager. Note that any examination waivers and applications denials have been addressed in separate correspondence.

The NRC has approved the subject examinations and hereby authorizes you to administer the written examination in accordance with Draft Revision 9 of NUREG-1021, "Operator Licensing Examination Standards for Power Reactors," on November 12, 2004. The NRC staff will administer the operating tests during the week of November 15-19, 2004.

Please contact your Chief Examiner, Michael Murphy at (817) 860-8152, if you have any questions or identify any errors or changes in the license level (RO or SRO) or type of examination (partial or complete written examination and/or operating test) specified for each applicant.

Sincerely,

/RA/

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